

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a fixing unit 230, a medium introducing port 250 is provided near a gripping part 230a of a housing 230, and a sheet material 90 to be subjected to a fixing process is guided to
5 the medium introducing port. A shutter 260 is provided slanted at a given angle with respect to a gripping surface 240 of the gripping part 230a of the fixing unit 230 such that the shutter has a fulcrum at a part thereof, which is closer to the gripping part 230a of the fixing unit 230, at the medium introducing port
10 250, and the shutter 260 is turnable to a position to close the medium introducing port 250 while resisting the urging forces of the twisted springs 270.

[Selected Drawing] Fig. 3